

BAR HILL NEWS

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The Residents' Association has to report, with regret, that pressure of work has lead to the resignation of its Editor, Sue Whiting. This post has now been filled by Margaret Sellars who will edit the September edition of the "News".

As residents will know, over the past few months there have been problems in producing the "News". This has been caused by a myriad of reasons amongst which was a new, but totally unreliable printer, pressure of work and family commitments for the hard working volunteers who produce the magazine. It is with dismay that the Residents' Association has learned that complaints about the late delivery have been made to the people who bring the magazine to the front door of every house in the village. It is very unfair to complain to these willing volunteers, who are not responsible for the production of the magazine.

The Residents' Association hopes that the magazine can now be got back on track – the next edition will be out towards the end of September. The deadline for articles will be the 15th September. It has been decided that this date will not be extended so if your article is late it will not be included! Please continue to use the electronic mailbox if you have that facility or, if you prefer to commit your article to paper, please post it through the letter box of the Parish Council Office (next to the Octagon).

Copy date for the next issue is 15th September to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details. The web site address is www.barhill.org.uk

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There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost & Found, and

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor...

It is not my usual practice to respond to letters such as 'name and address withheld' in last month's Bar Hill News but its content is so scurrilous that I feel impelled to do so.

Yes, I am a Conservative, and I am a Christian, but these facts do not, in any way, diminish the pride I have in the village where my family and I have lived for nearly forty years. Your correspondent should look up the remainder of Margaret Thatcher's comment that 'there is no such thing as society': *'there are individual men and women, and there are families'*. It is these men and women and families of all Christian denomination and none at all and of all political persuasions who have made Bar Hill the community which we know today.

Your correspondent asks how many people have died alone in Bar Hill, unknown even to their neighbours. To my knowledge, extending nearly four decades, none at all. Naturally, he perpetuates the insult that Bar Hill is merely an appendage of Tesco. Like others, he should extend his knowledge beyond the Tesco roundabout and realise that Bar Hill was a thriving community before Tesco came and remains so to this day.

If your correspondent lives in Bar Hill, he should be ashamed that he has made these allegations without knowing more about his village. If he does not, then I will gladly prove to him how Bar Hill has achieved a greater sense of community in forty years than many villages have in 150 or even longer.

Roger Hall

Dear Editor...

I would inform your anonymous correspondent that I am not a Christian, nor do I belong to the Conservative or any other political party. I would assure him/her that the community spirit is obviously there in Bar Hill.

One just has to open one's eyes and not shut oneself away. I have lived in Bar Hill for almost fifteen years and they have been the happiest years of my life. I even paid a special visit to the estate agent who sold me my present house, to thank him!

name and address withheld

Dear Editor...

Firstly Congratulations to the Editor for her fine repudiation of the writer to the "Bar Hill has got no community" letter last month.

Now that Tesco has removed nine car parking places for its hand car wash we can expect the queues to stretch out onto the ring road even more often at peak times of day.

Is it not time the parish and SCDC yellow lined the ring road from the Main roundabout to the Tesco roundabout and placed "no queuing beyond this point" signs at the entrance to Tesco? Whilst no doubt few would take notice, it would enable the police to clear the ring road at peak times and may even spur Tesco management into properly managing their car park. Far too often do we see spaces on the right of the car park road filled with long term parking by Tesco's own staff. I've even seen them occupying Mother and Baby slots all day. This in its self causes queues getting into the car park as customers more often than not turn right first to find a parking space.

Also as it is in every bodys interest to raise the profile of Bar Hill and prove that it is more than Tesco Town, why has the Parish Council not investigated the possibility of having a farmers market in the village at least once a month? There is plenty of space round the outside of Tesco's car park for this to take place with minimal intrusion into the comings and goings down Gladeside and it would be a positive thing for the village, and at the very least give Tesco some competition, and the village access to some fine local produce.

Dave Harding
Almond Grove

Dear Editor...

In reply to the letter in last month's Bar Hill News, I would first like to express my sorrow that someone really believes Bar Hill to be so lacking in community spirit.

Having recently been involved in co-ordinating the Exhibition on the event of our village's 40th birthday, I wish you had been there to see the pride and pleasure with which over 30 organisations brought their displays of 40 years of memories and recent activities and,

likewise, the pleasure of the visitors. Each exhibit had a contact name and number and an invitation to join if it seemed to connect with the individual interests.

All ages and interest levels were covered from the very young to the older residents and included physical activities to the more intellectual and, of course, fun groups.

Yes, a political party was represented to show the range of its social activities and to offer an insight into the group's activities. And so too was the church represented by a photo display of "A Year in the Life of Bar Hill Church" - again something for every age.

As a Christian, going to church on Sunday is not the only event in the week and the idea is not to be part of an exclusive club. I can confidently say that being a Christian is totally inclusive and outward looking, playing an active part in helping to make our village a positive place. A very large number of people in the village, both with a faith or without one, are very concerned for our fellows and would willingly help if required.

Despite trying to reach people, not everyone is willing to be reached and we must respect the individuals right to remain private.

If people are dying alone, without knowing or having contact with their neighbours, then we must all be more vigilant and take great care to look for warning signs.

I hope you will feel able to talk to someone face to face about your concerns. I know many people will be willing to listen.

Sue Kenchington
The Fairway

Editors note: It seems the letter last month sparked quite a reaction! I would like to point out that the letter was NOT anonymous but, as requested by its author, their name and address was withheld.

Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to edit material and withhold names and addresses where deemed appropriate.

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• My young daughter has had her very much loved purple and gold Bratz scooter stolen on the afternoon of Thursday 28th June at the ABC climbing frame on the spine path. If anyone has found it could they please call me on 202228.

LOST

• Digital camera on 21st July in the play park on the village green. The camera is grey with an orange sticker on the side that says "8 megapixel". It looks like a small camcorder with a flip open screen. Owner will be very grateful for its return. Tel: 07734 690580.

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John's Jottings

Our report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor, John Reynolds

We are ready for the new electrical equipment recycling law

From July 1, new regulations for recycling electrical goods came into force in the UK but Cambridgeshire, which is already at the forefront of recycling, was ready for the change. The European Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, known as the WEEE Directive, requires EU member states to achieve statutory recycling targets for electrical equipment and for the retailers and manufacturers to fund the recycling collections.

These will ensure that valuable resources are recovered and reused, while some of the components, which are classified as hazardous are kept out of landfill sites and disposed of properly. In Cambridgeshire, however, the County Council already has containers at all 10 of its recycling centres to collect fridges, freezers, washing machines, tumble dryers and similar 'white goods', as well as containers to collect televisions, computers, fluorescent tubes and all light bulbs.

The District Councils will continue their bulky household collections for white goods and other large items, which also go for recycling. Last year, over 4,000 tonnes of broken electrical items were recycled in the county – equivalent to the weight of 38,000 washing machines. This is good news for Cambridgeshire since we already have excellent recycling facilities in place and because from 1st July electrical manufacturers are responsible for paying for the collection of the electrical equipment from our recycling centres.

The WEEE Directive also requires that small electrical items, such as hair dryers, toasters and table lamps are collected separately for recycling. The County Council is looking to establish new collection facilities for small electrical goods as soon as possible at our recycling centres that have enough space.

Cash boost to help local businesses go green

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP), has been awarded a £210,000 cash boost to act as trailblazers for the UK in encouraging

local businesses to recycle.

The funds, provided by the Business Resource Efficiency and Waste (BREW) programme, will help local councils to take on a wider role to help local businesses, and particularly small and medium enterprises, reduce and recycle their waste. This will help make cost savings in their business waste charges, as stated in the new National Waste Strategy, unveiled last month by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The RECAP partnership was awarded Beacon Status in March last year, and now will be able to extend this expertise and knowledge to helping local businesses recycle their waste. This work with local businesses is particularly important now that the Chancellor announced a steep increase in landfill tax in the last budget, which will hit all companies' profits if they do not reduce and recycle their waste.

For more information about waste prevention, reuse and recycling, please visit www.recap.co.uk or phone 0845 045 5207. For more information about the BREW programme, please visit www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/brew

No escape from police helicopter

There is no escape - that is the message given to criminals by the police helicopter. The new helicopter, which took to the skies in June last year, works across the county and with the force consortium partners of Essex and Suffolk.

The helicopter can fly for around two hours without having to refuel and can carry up to eight people. It is quieter than the old helicopter and is equipped with a high-powered camera. The extra capacity is also useful in supporting the Mid-Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service (MAGPAS), by taking the voluntary emergency medical team direct to the scene of an incident within minutes. The authority provided £1.5m to part-fund the helicopter, which cost £3.9m.

From June 2006 to mid-May 2007, the new helicopter attended 2,014 incidents, directly arrested 105 people and assisted in a further 78 arrests. It has located 17 people missing from home and recovered

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Bunty's Bites

Our regular monthly report from District Councillor, Bunty Waters

I don't know if you have ever wondered about living close to the A14, which was the A604 with much less traffic when I first lived in Bar Hill, but I have been asked some interesting questions regarding the Air Quality in South Cambs and would like to share it with Bar Hill residents. These answers have been provided by the department which monitors air quality in South Cambs.

AIR QUALITY IN SOUTH CAMBS - QUESTIONS ASKED:

- The concentration measured at Bar Hill – where were the measurements taken and is it likely that there will be a variation in these concentration across the village – I'm thinking in particular of the school, (one of the largest primary schools in South Cambridgeshire). Is it possible that concentrations at the school, (also given it's proximity to the Tesco car park) could be higher than those given in the article?
- For how many years have air quality measurements been taken at Bar Hill and in how many of those years have recordings been made of pollution levels above National Air Quality Standards?
- What were the peak concentrations of both Nitrogen Dioxide and Fine Particles measured at Bar Hill, (the article only stated mean exceedences)?
- In view of the increasing occurrence of respiratory disorders in the UK

population and in particular the diagnosis of asthma in children, given the demographics of Bar Hill which show a very large number of young people and the regular exceedence of NAQS, is the rather vague action plan stated appropriate?

- What are the statutory responsibilities of SCDC with respect to air quality?

ANSWERS FROM SOUTH CAMBS:

- The monitor in Bar Hill is located within 10 metres of the eastbound A14, so is very much a worst case location. Concentrations drop off rapidly away from the road and it is expected that concentrations in Bar Hill will meet the air quality objectives. To confirm this we have recently located a diffusion tube in close proximity to the nearest Bar Hill residence to the A14 to ensure that concentrations are within limits. The monitor is located on the eastbound carriageway as this is the predominant wind direction. When we have north-easterly winds there is a dramatic drop in concentrations recorded at this site but this only occurs for limited periods over the year. In this respect I think it is highly improbable that concentrations at the school are anywhere as high as those recorded at the monitoring location.
- Monitoring at Bar Hill was commenced in 2001. The annual mean NO2

concentration has been exceeded on 4 occasions (2001/2/3 and 4) and the PM10 objective for 24 hour mean was exceeded in 2003 and 2006.

- Mean values were stated because these are the values that are set as objectives within the air quality legislation. The maximum hourly average recorded in 2006 for NO2 was 157 microgrammes per metre cubed and for PM10 was 263 microgrammes per metre cubed.

● The action plan is something which is very much in an embryonic form the article is a summary of the kinds of things which we may look at by no means is the action plan developed at all. We will be working alongside both the Primary Care Trust and the Health Protection Agency in order to develop our understanding of whether such health issues are being reflected in the population at Bar Hill.

- SCDC have a statutory responsibility to review and assess air quality and to work in pursuit of the national air quality objectives further details can be found on our website <http://scambs-airquality.aeat.co.uk> or on the defra website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/airquality/local/index.htm>.

Please contact me if you have any questions or I can help in any issues which are causing problems.

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£127,100 of property. Working in partnership with MAGPAS, the helicopter has attended 31 incidents and on behalf of neighbouring forces Lincolnshire, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, 103 incidents have been attended with 17 direct arrests and five missing people have been found.

Government urged to use European money to get lorries off A14

Upgrading the Felixstowe-Nuneaton rail line is a vital part of increasing freight traffic movements to and from the East Coast Ports and thereby reducing road traffic yet Government have rejected opportunities to secure millions of pounds of European funding.

One of the main benefits of upgrading the Felixstowe to Nuneaton rail line would

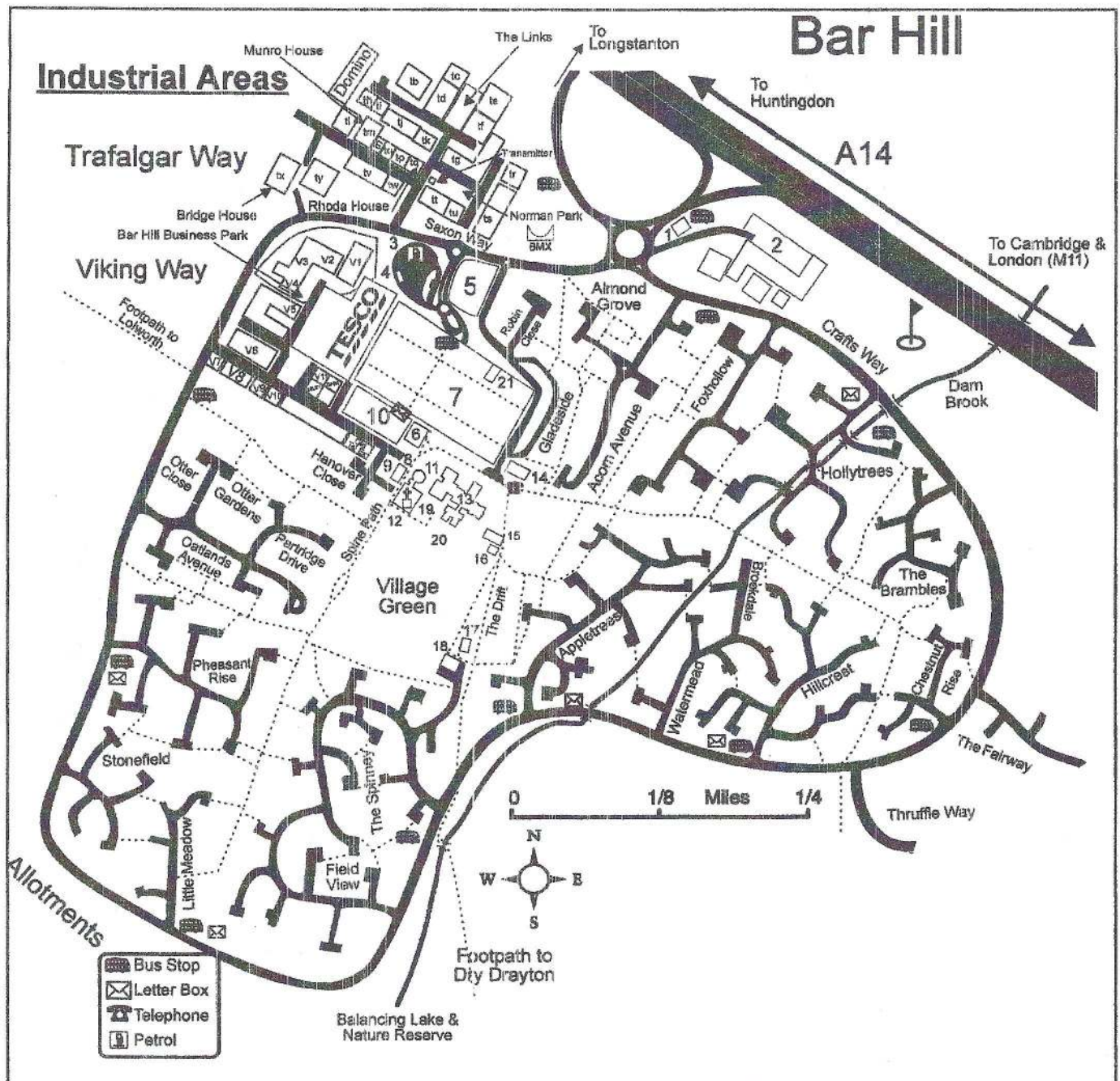
be to allow more freight to be carried by rail from the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich to the north and west. This would avoid the existing and congested rail route via North London and may in turn create opportunities for more passenger services into and out of London on the Great Eastern Line and on the Ipswich – Peterborough route and reduce lorry traffic on the A14.

The main elements to upgrading the Felixstowe-Nuneaton rail line are; Gauge enhancement between Felixstowe, Peterborough and Nuneaton; rail capacity improvements between Felixstowe and Nuneaton to cater for additional rail freight movements and to facilitate an improvement in passenger train services to address future travel demands. Removing speed restrictions imposed on

heavy freight trains on the cross-country route between Ipswich and Peterborough. Gauge enhancement would allow taller modern containers to be carried on the Felixstowe-Nuneaton rail route.

The main source of European funding for transport infrastructure is the Multi-Annual Programme 2007-13 and worth over €6 billion. There will not be another opportunity to make a bid for this money after the 20th July 2007 deadline. The value of the grant available from the European Commission to support projects accepted in 2007-13 will be up to 20% of the cost for this region.

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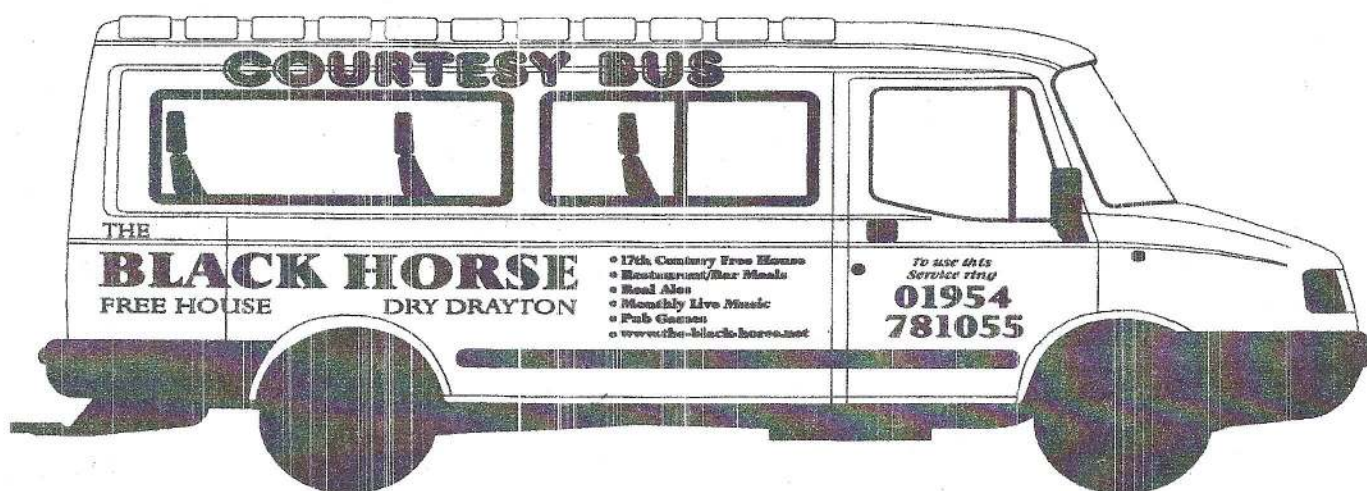
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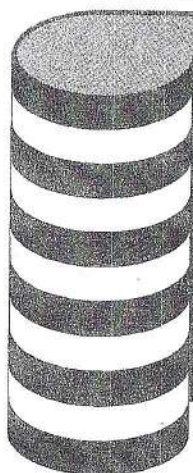
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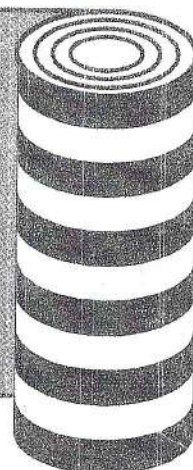
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Roger's Report

A report from District Councillor, Roger Hall

The Tesco car-wash facility

Residents are probably aware that a car hand-wash facility is being installed for the third time in Tesco's car park. On the first two occasions, facilities were installed without planning permission and turned down retrospectively. The first was because it was located near the most congested area of the car park near the pedestrian crossing of the main access road which would reduce the visibility by car drivers and pedestrians; it would also reduce the number of spaces in the car park. The facility was relocated, again without permission, to the side of the car park adjacent to the school. This was turned down on account of the number of car parking spaces it occupied and the noise disturbance at the school.

Tesco's refused to dismantle the facility and appealed against the enforcement order. An inspector then upheld the decision by the Council on account of noise but not on account of the nine car parking spaces it occupied. He was unconvinced by the argument that the reduction in car parking spaces would exacerbate the problem of cars trying to find spaces in the Tesco car park at busy periods. He suggested that temporary permission might be given for its relocation in another part of the car park where the noise factor did not arise. A third application then followed, this time not retrospectively. The proposed site was 91 metres from the school and 72 metres from the nearest houses. Noise, therefore, was no longer a reason for turning down the application and it was, therefore, approved by the Council. The Council stipulated that it should be reviewed in June 2008 as to whether the car parking had been affected by its installation and whether there was noise disturbance from it experienced at the school and by residents of Gladeside. The Parish Council, both district councillors and the District Council recognise that some

residents are in favour of this facility; this has to be balanced, however, against any noise disturbance experienced by the school and nearby houses and an increased in traffic congestion in the Tesco car park, which is why they opposed the first two applications. They will, as the inspector suggested, monitor the situation during the next 12 months on a regular and even-handed basis.

Milton Country Park

Many residents reacted with dismay that South Cambridgeshire District Council intended to 'close' Milton Country Park on 31st August. Sometimes missing from reports on the subject was that this would occur only if an organisation failed to come forward to run and manage the park, thus saving South Cambridgeshire Council Tax payers nearly £300,000 per year. Following protracted negotiations with a number of interested organisations, the Council selected Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust as its preferred bidder. Work will now start for the transfer to take place by early next year. Under the Trust's plans the park would continue to provide existing amenities and expand on the range of activities available for visitors. With the support of a one-off £250,000 payment from SCDC, the Trust proposes to take on the park's existing staff, managing the park with them plus assistance from volunteers and partnership organisations.

Pocket parks

These are small village parks in South Cambridgeshire that focus on the environment rather than recreation. The park at Eltisley, for example, has been constructed to protect wildlife habitats and encourage more wildlife into the area. The old and unused allotment site has been transformed with a £2,500 grant into an area for both villagers and wildlife to enjoy.



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The Friends of the Rosie are enthusiastic volunteers whose aim is to improve the services the hospital provides by raising money for items that the National Health Service does not buy. While recognising the importance of the best possible technical care, they also feel they should help make the Rosie a pleasant place for patients and visitors to remember with affection. They have a Tea Shop in the Outpatient Clinic and a team who make children's clothes and toys to sell under the name "Rosie in Stitches". They are interested in the comfort of all Rosie patients, and supply specially designed furniture, as well as refurbishing wards. In the community they supply midwives with state-of-the-art equipment. If you can spare a few hours a week, or wish to make a donation, they would be happy to hear from you.

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Tuesday 16th October

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13th September

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Thursday 2nd August

Cambridge Quiz
At Jackie's.

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speakers, outings and meals out.

The programme for the next term is:

Thursday 6th September

The first meeting of the new term is
our enrolment evening. We meet together
in the school lounge at 8.00pm. It is an
open evening where we have wine and
nibbles and pay our fee. It is a chance for
anyone who is considering joining to
come along and meet the members. The
fee for the coming year is £6, plus 40p
per meeting to cover coffee and a raffle.

Thursday 4th October

To be confirmed

Thursday 1st November

A fashion show from The Edinburgh
Woollen Mill. Members will act as
models as the shop shows us their latest
designs.

Thursday 6th December

Christmas meal.

If you would to come along to one of
the meetings please feel free to turn up at
8.00pm or give me a ring on 204171.

Barbara

BIN COLLECTIONS CORRECTION

The last issue of South Cambs
magazine contained a mistake in the
collection of both the black and
green wheeled bins and the green
box. This only affects one
Wednesday collection date in
October.

For Bar Hill, Childerley,
Chittering, Dry Drayton, Knapwell,
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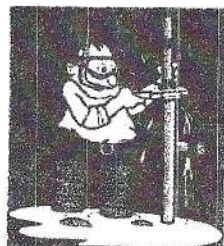
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Outside of pre-school hours the rooms, kitchen, toys and bouncy castle are available for hire. Ideal venue for children's parties, our "Party package" of the bouncy castle and playrooms is just £45! (£5 returnable deposit required.) For information on availability, pricing or to book please call Linda Rose on 01480 462025 or 01954 789099.

Session Times

Mornings 9.00am - 11.30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (for Sunbeams), and Friday

Lunch Club 11.30am - 12.30am

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Afternoons 12.30pm - 3.00pm

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For details of free sample sessions or if you have any questions call 01954 789099 to speak to a Playleader.



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Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music.

Children are welcome to attend from age two years. From the term after their

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Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9.00-11.30, 12.30-3.00; Tues: 9.15-10.45 (play tots), 12.30-3.00. Lunch club 11.30-12.30 daily.

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Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Subsidised Places

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Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tues. This is for babies to Pre-School. Sessions are on a pay as you play basis.

For more information contact 782892 during session times or pop in and see us. Alternatively contact Sarah on 781871 before 7pm weekdays.

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The Under Ones meet on a Tuesday, 10 til noon, in the Church Octagon (term time only). All are welcome - expectant and new mums, carers, grandparents, fathers. Refreshments are 50p. There are toys and books, and full changing facilities. It's a great chance to chat and relax, while babies sleep or play, and make new friends.

Contact Alwyn Keeves on 781050



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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc - as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

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PARENTS JOIN CAMPAIGN FOR FAIRER FUNDING

Parents and governors have thrown their weight behind a campaign to secure more money for Cambridgeshire's schools. Cambridgeshire is one of 40 underfunded local authorities joining forces to lobby the Government for more cash.

Julia Thomson, a parent and governor at Teversham Primary School near Cambridge, has called on other parents and governors to urge their schools to take part in a massive consultation exercise aimed at persuading the Government to

rethink its proposals for school funding.

Cambridgeshire currently receives £3,622 per pupil per year to fund both schools and educational activities provided by the local authority. This places Cambridgeshire in the lowest 15% of authorities in England. In comparison, Peterborough and Hertfordshire receive £3,929 and £3,730 per pupil respectively. Cambridgeshire also receives over £3,000 less per pupil than the highest funded authority in the country.

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Over the summer Post Office Limited will undertake local consultation before making restructuring decisions and the County Council has already been invited to a presentation being hosted jointly by The Post Office and Postwatch on July 10, to have its say on the proposed restructuring in the East of England.

Cabinet endorsed a report presented by Councillor Victor Lucas which supported taking a pro-active approach to reducing the impact of the DTI proposals for Cambridgeshire.

The County Council has already stepped in to provide alternative Post Office facilities at Bar Hill Library after the village Post Office closed.

In future consideration could be given to using County Council buildings around Cambridgeshire for Post Office operations or to improving transport or community travel provision to enable people to reach Post Offices in other nearby communities.

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- Kirsten 2 full time and 1 part time, tel: 200228

- Debbie Wednesday, 0-5 yrs, and Tues, Wed, Thurs from Sept 07, tel: 201739

- Judith Call for details, tel: 201919

- Melanie Part time, call for details, tel: 204496

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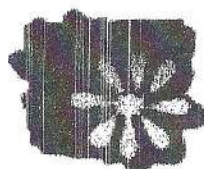
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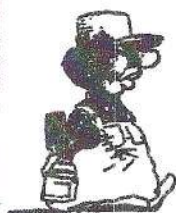


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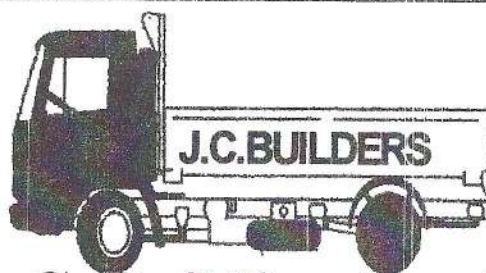


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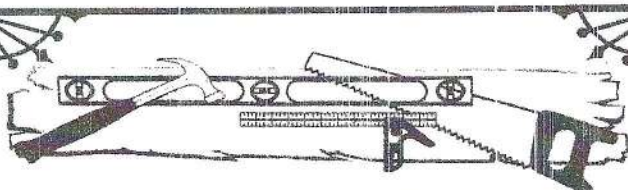
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People need to book for all 3 sessions and to contact Maggie as space is limited - 07881 856993

YOUR LIBRARY IS NOW JUST A TEXT AWAY

Mobile phone technology means that people can obtain information about their local Library at the touch of a button - thanks to a new service which has been introduced by Cambridgeshire County Council's Libraries, Archives and Information Service.

By texting 077814 81111 followed by the name of the relevant Library, people can check opening hours and ask questions on any aspect of their local library or library and information services throughout Cambridgeshire.

The texts will be charged at the usual network provider rate and responses will be sent as soon as possible. The service will be available between 9.00-5.00 pm, Monday to Saturday.

John Reynolds

PHISHING?

Phishing involves email or pop-up messages that claim to be from a business or organisation you may deal with, for example, an internet service provider, Bank or online payment service. The message may ask you to 'update', 'validate', or 'confirm' your account information.

The messages direct you to a website that looks just like a legitimate organisation's site. But it's a bogus site that exists simply to trick you into revealing your personal information so the operators can use your identity.

Never respond to email or pop-up messages that ask for your personal or financial information, and don't click on links in the message. Don't cut and paste a link from the message into your web browser - phishers can make links look like they go to a genuine site, but then actually take you to a look-alike site. If you are concerned about your account, contact the organisation using a phone number you know to be genuine, or open a new internet browser session and type in the company's correct web address yourself. Using anti-virus software and a firewall, and keeping them up to date can also help.

This information is from Cambridgeshire Trading Standards Service which I thought might be of useful interest. They can be contacted on Consumer Direct 08454 040506

Bunty Waters

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Community and voluntary groups are being encouraged to apply for grant funding from Cambridgeshire County Council.

The County Council has about £115,000 to distribute to organisations which contribute to the authority's objectives and priorities. Small groups with a total income of less than £50,000 a year can apply for grants of up to £3,000 each.

To be eligible to apply, a group must be a not-for-profit organisation, have a total income of less than £50,000 a year and be doing work which directly benefits residents of the Cambridgeshire County Council area.

They must show they are in need of financial help, be properly managed and promote equal opportunities. Groups must also comply with Criminal Records Bureau checks where necessary.

The County Council is keen to support groups that have not previously applied and new groups just starting up. Match funding is not a requirement, but applicants will be expected to demonstrate that other sources of funding have been sought.

All those receiving grants will be required to complete and submit a short monitoring form six months after the award to show how the money has helped.

Application forms are available from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) for grants to support vulnerable adults, or Young Lives for grants to support children, young people and families.

CCF can be contacted on 01223 421588 or at www.cambscf.org.uk. Young Lives can be reached on 01480 494333 or at www.young-lives.org.uk. Completed application forms must be received by 3 October 2007.

John Reynolds

Friends of Bar Hill Library

There will be a coffee morning on Sept 6th 10 - 12 all are welcome. Family History Help will be on Thursday Sept 20th. The Friends will be having their AGM on Sept 27th at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for your diary in October are 4th for coffee morning and 6th for the Booksale. On October 11th there will be a Victorian evening with Geoffrey Hales at 7 pm. Family History

will be on October 18th.

Reading Circle.

The friends have been running a book club for over a year very successfully. Other people would like to join it. A second reading circle will be started if more want to be involved. Leave your name, address and phone number at the library if you are interested in extending your reading and making new friends.

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Following on from a recent spate of dwelling burglaries in some parts of the Division here are police guidelines which may assist you:-

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Outside lighting and alarms are an excellent deterrent and are proven to reduce the risk of burglary. Net curtains prevent a burglar looking into your home and seeing what there is to steal.

The rear of your home

This is the most important security aspect. Low or damaged fencing allows easy access to your property. Gates, fencing, walls or hedges should be at least 1.8 metres high. A wooden trellis fixed to the top is very effective. If climbed, it will break, create noise and attract attention. Gates at the side or back of the house should be kept locked with a good quality bolt and padlock. Garden sheds should be kept locked with a padlock or mortise deadlock as they often contain tools suitable for breaking into your home and valuable equipment such as lawn mowers.

Do not leave ladders lying around. These provide the burglar with the means to climb into upstairs windows. Keep them locked in a garage or shed, or chained to a wall.

Check all doors and windows before going to bed.



CRAFTS HILL BRIDGE CLUB

The club plays duplicate bridge every Wednesday in Longstanton Village Institute Hall in the High Street, starting at 7 pm. We have members from Bar Hill and local villages. This is a small friendly club of mixed standard and we welcome visitors and new members.

Just turn up (with a partner) or for further information please telephone 230121.

Local help and support for people with sight problems

**Did you know that there is help for anyone
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Parent and Toddler Group

It is with much sadness that we announce the retirement of our Friday supervisor Jo Hall. Jo has been with us for an amazing 32 years and she will be greatly missed. Many, many thanks Jo for all you have done over the years!!!

If anybody is interested in the vacancy for Friday supervisor please ring Kirsten on 200228 for more details.

SUMMER SESSIONS

During the summer holidays, sessions will be 9.45am-11.15am on:

• Friday 17th August • Wednesday 22nd August • Friday 24th August • Wednesday 29th August • Friday 31st August •

The final session on Friday 31st August will include a party and bouncy castle, so come along and have some fun.

The new term starts on Wednesday 5th September.

NOAHS ARK TWINS AND TRIPLETS GROUP Bar Hill and District

From 14th September, we will be meeting every Friday morning from 9.15am to midday at the Village Hall. The cost is just £2.50 per family and this includes a healthy snack and drink. There are toys and art activities for all ages.

For further details, contact Lorna Adams on 780468.

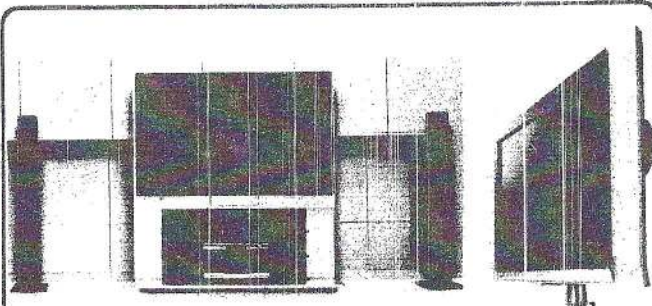
Welcome to Bar Hill church!

*Have you seen the building next to the Health Centre?
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member. There is a lot going on in the church with groups for the youngest to our most senior citizens. If you would like to find out more just come along on a Sunday; there will be someone at the door to welcome you. Full details of all our services are on page 29.

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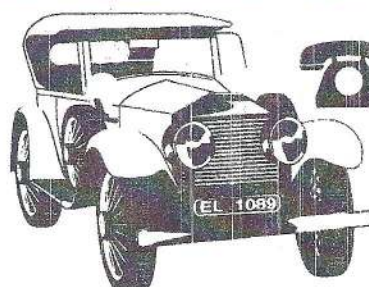
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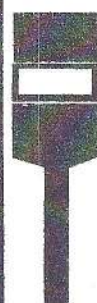
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BAR HILL COLTS F.C.



By now you will have no doubt noticed one or two teams already training (and/or playing friendly matches) in readiness for the coming season. The summer has been pretty fruitful with more improvement work being carried out on the various pitches on the village green. As well as new goalposts being installed, the managers have been busy repairing holes and dead grass patches.

We would very much like to thank the Adult Football Club for a whole load of turf, which was most welcome.

COMMITTEE

During July we held our AGM, and below is the latest list of the various committee members, and their posts.

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chair:	Barry Dean	205670
Vice Chair:	Paul Gedny	201074
General Secretary:	Paul Neal	205076
Fixtures	Mark	01480
Secretary	Honeywood	830133
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	781838
	Janette Barber	781533
Entertainments:	Michelle Davies	201246
	Rob Humphreys	781583
Publicity: Web	Kevin Salaman	201701
BHN	Barry Dean	205670
Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Child Welfare:	Mark	01480
	Honeywood	830133

If you have any questions about Bar Hill Colts, please contact any of us.

LEADING THE WAY

Once again Bar Hill Colts has led the way in showing how football should be played, and we can proudly boast some pretty impressive statistics.

Cautions: Of all clubs throughout the county, we only collected 2 Yellow (out of a total of 582 league wide), and no red cards at all.

Sporting Awards: Each team is marked out of 10 by the opposition, and our teams recorded the following

U 8's - average 8.55

U 9's - average 8.75

U10's - average 9.25 (9th of 58 teams)

BAR HILL FETE

We hope you enjoyed the offering from Bar Hill Colts at this years Fete. We are really proud to be a part of a great village, and thank the Residents Association for making this years 40th celebration very special.

BAR HILL ADULT F.C.

For those of you who do not know Paul Prime has decided to have a break from managing our adult team and just have a while at being a dad and supporter. We would very much like to thank Paul for all his efforts (and success) with the team over the last four years, and look forward to him coming back soon (*Eh Paul?*).

On the football front we are defending the "Wadsworth Cup", at home to Girton on Sunday 12th August (kick off 10:30am) so do come along and support us to victory.

Alan Hewings (01954) 201315
Neville Watson (01954) 781488
John Houston (01954) 200951

If you want any more information (or if you wish to play for) Bar Hill Adult Football Club, Please contact any of the people above, and we will be pleased to have a chat & help.

MANAGERS

Just like the premier league, we also have our 'ins' and 'outs' at managerial level (no sackings for us though, I am pleased to report), so as always we are keeping you up to date with all the names and contact numbers for the different teams.

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U8	Roy Sloane	782264
U9	Steve Andrews	789778
U10	Rob Humphreys	781583
U11	Darryn Cook	203576
U12	Tony Virgo	782619
U12 Girls	Vicky Neal	205076
	Linda Ogilvie	202568
U13	Justin Bladen	201516
U15	Jairo Marin	781838
U15 Girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U16	Barry Dean	205670
U17	Nigel Barber	781533

Just a short note to wish all the Managers, Coaches, Parents, and of course the Players all the best for the season ahead, and we hope you really enjoy playing in the famous 'Blue & White Stripes'. If you want to know more about any of our teams do visit "www.barhillcolts.org.uk" where you will find the very latest 'up to the minute' news.

SIGNING ON

Don't forget if you haven't already done so, get all your signing on forms back to your manager as soon as possible, so you don't miss a single game.



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Please Note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of either Bar Hill Colts, or Bar Hill F.C.

THE GREENHOUSE

In last month's "NEWS" we launched this exciting new project to provide further facilities for Bar Hill. But as things keep moving forward, we think it's time to let you know more. In an effort to give everyone a voice in this great village project, we are holding an



Open Evening

where we will be able to tell you more about the Greenhouse.

The Open Evening will take place on

Tuesday

11th September

starting at 7:30pm, in the

Church

We very much hope that as many of you as possible can attend, so that we can share our vision with you, and likewise you can share your vision with us.

At present the project is being organised predominantly by Bar Hill Colts, and Bar Hill Scouts, with representation from the Parish Council, but we are still keen for representation from other groups, and organisations who might also have an interest in utilising the Greenhouse. In fact we would like this to be a true village project, and would also like you to consider if you would like to help guide this project to meet the village needs.

We meet regularly to keep the project moving forward, and we try to meet on the third Tuesday each month. So if you are interested in joining in, and being a part of this exciting project, we would love to hear from you. Please give any of the people listed a call.

Paul Gedny - 01954 201074

Barry Dean - 01954 205670

Tracy Seekings - 01954 200918



Residents urged to give blood

Currently only 5 per cent of people who could give blood actually do so - meaning 95 per cent of the population rely on a handful to ensure blood is readily available when required.

Hospitals throughout the region are in constant need of blood and the National Blood Service (NBS) are asking for more donors to come forward at this time to ensure blood banks remain full.

Gareth Bell, Communications Officer for the NBS, said: "It is very easy for us all to sit back, relax, and expect others to donate blood - but that will not keep hospitals in good supply.

"Every donation collected is a precious lifeline to patients, and you will make a real difference by becoming a donor.

"All you feel is a slight scratch - which is insignificant when compared to the feeling you get knowing you have just saved a life."

Local Blood Donor Sessions:

Friday 28 September, Bar Hill Village Hall, The Spinney, Saxon Way, 1pm to 3.30pm and again from 4.30pm to 7pm

Blood collected is used in a wide-range of treatments, including, for example, for mothers and babies on maternity wards, during routine surgery, and to stabilise cancer and leukaemia patients after chemotherapy. In most cases anyone aged 17-59, who is in general good health, and weighs over 7 st 12 lbs can start giving blood. Regular donors can continue to give up until the age of 70.

For further information, and to book an appointment to give blood, please call the NBS on 0845 7 711 711, or log-on to www.blood.co.uk.

For further information, please contact Gareth Bell, National Blood Service Communications Officer on 01223 548166 or gareth.bell@nhsbt.nhs.uk

- The NHS needs 8,000 voluntary donations of blood on a daily basis.
- A unit of blood is measured as 470 mls (or just under a pint).
- Whole blood donors can give every 16 weeks, that's three times a year.
- There are 4 main blood groups - O, A, B and AB. Group O is the most common and therefore the most in demand. Over 95 per cent of the blood collected is processed into its main components - red cells, platelets and plasma. A regular supply of blood is vital - red cells last only 35 days and platelets only 5 days.

GOVERNMENT GIVES FURTHER INDICATIONS OF NATIONAL BUS PASS SCHEME

The Department of Transport has given County and District Councils further indications of what the new National Concessionary Bus Scheme will look like. The scheme will mean eligible residents will be able to use their bus pass after 9.30am until the last bus of the day between Monday and Friday and all day at the weekends and bank holidays in any part of England for the first time.

As this is a national scheme, the Government have said those who currently have a bus pass will have to apply for a new card ready for when the new system starts in April 2008.

To aid this process, Cambridgeshire County Council is assisting the District Councils in the county and Peterborough to help applicants reapply for the passes during the summer and autumn months.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Mac McGuire, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "Tens of thousands of people have benefited in the last ten months from the concessionary bus fare scheme in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and the national scheme will mean even greater benefits for all those who are eligible for a pass. For example, the scheme will mean if you have a bus pass you will be able to benefit from the concessionary fare scheme whilst on holiday or visiting friends outside the county.

This is a big step forward for all those who are entitled to bus passes but to continue to enjoy benefits, bus pass owners will have to reapply for the new national card. To help in this process we have again teamed up with our colleagues in the Districts to find a way to make this as painless as possible for people get their passes.

Throughout the summer and autumn months, District Councils will be helping residents reapply for a pass and to complete the necessary forms. To minimise inconvenience, this will be done in a phased way. We will endeavour to make sure all applicants know when to apply by placing adverts and using other publicity to pass on the information. As the system doesn't start until April 2008 there is plenty of time to make sure all of you who are entitled get your new pass in time. However, we can't afford to

leave applications to the last minute as this is an immense task being done on a national basis"

Currently, bus pass holders in the county and Peterborough are able to travel for free between 9.30am and the last bus of the day between Monday and Friday. They can also travel for free all day at the weekend and on Bank Holidays.

In addition, the scheme also allows pass holders to travel to the following places, outside of the county: Newmarket, Haverhill, Saffron Walden, Royston, Biggleswade, Stamford, The Deepings, King's Lynn and Downham Market.

The blind or partially sighted are able to travel free at any time within the boundary of the scheme.

Introduced in October 2006, the concessionary bus fare scheme in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough allows eligible passengers to cross district and city boundaries in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for free. Cambridgeshire Councils and operators joined together to improve the highly criticised Government imposed scheme which would have restricted free travel to just within districts.

This did mean that Cambridgeshire County Council had to stump up between £600,000 to £800,000 to make the scheme work despite getting no funding from the Government.

Bus passes are available for the following groups:

- Pensioners (men and women over the age of 60)
- People who qualify for the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance or the War Pensioners Mobility Supplement
- Those registered deaf
- Those who are without speech, and can provide medical evidence
- Those who are prevented from obtaining a driving licence on medical grounds
- Those registered blind or partially sighted
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- Those who have long term loss of the use of both arms

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Royal British Legion Bar Hill Branch

The Royal British Legion meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Octagon meetings room at 8pm. The evening starts with the Act of Remembrance followed by business. The rest of the meeting consists of cheese and wine and a quiz.

Our Stall at the Fete was a success, raising £169.20. Prizes won were:

• **Cake Jill** • **Digital radio John Legate**
• **Hamper Thomas Paige** • **Whisky Valerie Evans** • **Fruit and veg Ann Duce**
• **Glasses and wine Joyce Smith** • **Ladies toiletries Olive Taylor** • **Gents toiletries Kate Grantham**

Our thanks go to our members who gave up their time, also for the donation of prizes.

Mary Shubotham, 781553

Sports & Social Club

September News

Thanks go to the Residents' Association, in particular Kirsten and Paul Goodfield for their hard work and efforts for this years 40th Anniversary Bar Hill Fete. A good day was had by all, not even the tropical downpour dampened our spirits. We saw lots of new faces at the Social Clb which have led to new memberships.

Membership fees are now due. You have until 30th September to pay only £5 for the year, after that it will be £8, or £1 for over 60's.

Membership draw dates for September are Sat, 1st, 15th and 29th. The prize money stands at over £400! You have to be in the Social Club with your membership card to win.

We are planning a trip to see Mama Mia on 28th September - details are in the Social Club. Beau Jangles are performing on 21st September and Mandy Webb on 14th October. The Football Club are having a race night on 29th September.

We would like to welcome the Tennis Club who are in the process of affiliating to the Social Club.

Ever considered working behind the bar at the Social Club? Casual staff are always needed. Come in and have a chat with Pete, Barry or Lorraine.

See you soon!

Julie Circuit



Bar Hill Ecumenical Church



Services for August

Sunday 5th	10.00am	Family Communion
Sunday 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Family Communion
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Family Communion

Please note that there are no evening services during August, and no children's or youth activities on Sunday mornings.

People to contact:

The Minister:	Rev. Ruth Adams	Tel: 01954 789369
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There is also a Roman Catholic Mass at 6.00pm every Saturday

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road, Cambridge

(the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

<i>Parish Priest:</i>	Mgr Tony Rogers	Tel: 01223 350787
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<i>Local contact:</i>	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421
Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre	Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday	
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge		

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8am & 12.15 pm

Tuesday: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturday: 6pm First Mass of Sundays

also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Saturday: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

WHAT'S ON

AUGUST

- 21st Computer taster session at Bar Hill Library
(see page 21)
- 30th NWR "Books I have read"
(see page 12)
- 31st Bar Hill Parent & Toddler Group Party
(see page 22)

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Friends of Bar Hill Library Coffee Morning
(see page 21)
- 6th First new term meeting of the 8 O'Clock Club
(see page 12)
- 13th NWR "We'll keep you in suspenders"
(see page 12)
- 14th Noahs Ark Twins & Triplets group starts at the Village Hall
(see page 22)
- 18th SOCS "New Projects for the RSPB in our Area" talk
(see page 12)
- 20th Friends of Bar Hill Library Family History
(see page 21)
- 21st Beau Jangles at the Sports & Social Club
(see page 29)
- 27th Friends of Bar Hill Library Autumn Social and AGM
(see page 21)
- 28th Local Blood Donor Session in Bar Hill Village Hall
(see page 26)
- 28th Sports & Social Club trip to see "Mama Mia"
(see page 29)
- 29th Prize Draw and Football Club Race Night at the Sports & Social Club
(see page 29)

Nick's Nature Notes

The 40th Anniversary of Bar Hill, eh? I would like to say a big thank you to Kirsten Goodfield for the fete, Sue Kenchington for the anniversary exhibition, Ian Martin whose name I can remember, and to all those people whose names I cannot, and thanks also to Bar Hill Nature Reserve and that marvellous display of animal parts and other interesting curios found in and around the village, manned by Nick Richardson... "The Nature Man". Hey - that's me! (Sorry!)

I'd like to tell you a story (I must sound like Max Bygraves) concerning me, a presenter and Cambridgeshire Radio. Some years ago, I was asked to do a couple of "slots" for a radio programme about local people, going out at 7.30am on a Sunday morning. The format would be local things of interest. I arranged to meet the presenter at the reserve, we would walk around and she would tape me. Rather than being caught on the hop, I thought I'll have a quick walk round and see what's about. As I neared a fence post I saw the grass parted. Looking carefully I saw a big old toad sitting there. I quietly retreated. We met, talked and then started to walk, tape on, and we were "hot". I pointed out some birds, bird song, butterflies, etc, and near the fence post I suddenly stopped, put my head on one side and said "ssh". "What's wrong?" said she. "Can you hear it?" said I. "No. What?" said she. "I can hear breathing" said I. "Down here". I beckoned her down, I slowly parted the grass and there, good as gold, sat the toad (thanks toad!). "That's one of the most amazing things I've seen" said she. "It's nothing really" said I. "It happens when you live in the countryside and are at one with nature" said I, fingers crossed behind my back. Well - it was only a small lie. And there's the time I maybe next time.

Remember - take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints!

Nick Richardson

BIN COLLECTION DATES for AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

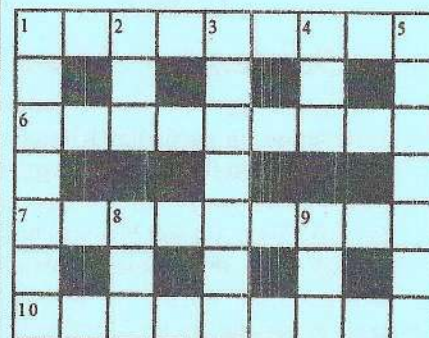
AUGUST

- 15th Black bin
- 22nd Green bin and box
- 30th Black bin
(please note: this last date is a THURSDAY)

SEPTEMBER

- 5th Green bin and box
- 12th Black bin
- 19th Green bin and box
- 26th Black bin

KEITH'S CROSSWORD



across

- 1 Felt at work
- 6 Victory or disaster
- 7 Stated explicitly
- 10 Defamed

down

- 1 Steals
- 2 Long time
- 3 Delay or hang
- 4 French king
- 5 Feared greatly
- 8 Podded veg
- 9 Polite term of address

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

1A	C	2R	O	3B	A	4T	I	5C	
C		N		A		E		H	
6C	H	A	R	I	V	A	R	I	
E				L				L	
7D	E	8C	E	I	T	9F	U	L	
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10D	R	I	F	F	I	E	L	D	